

HOUSE No. 3169

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John J. Binienda

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to establishing a fund for 'Prevent Blindness Massachusetts'.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
John J. Binienda	17th Worcester
Moore, Michael O (SEN)	Second Worcester
Christine E. Canavan	10th Plymouth
John P. Fresolo	16th Worcester
Jennifer M. Callahan	18th Worcester
Ann-Margaret Ferrante	5th Essex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3435 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING A FUND FOR 'PREVENT BLINDNESS MASSACHUSETTS'.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority
of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after
2 section 8E the following new section:—
3 Section 8E½. The application form for a renewal issuance or renewal extension shall include language
4 permitting a voluntary contribution of \$1 or more per applicant, to be quarterly distributed by the registrar to
5 Prevent Blindness Massachusetts, a not-for-profit organization, to prevent blindness and preserve the sight of
6 residents of this state. A statement providing an explanation of the purpose of the funds shall be included with
7 the application form.
8 Prior to the registrar distributing funds collected pursuant to paragraph 8E½, Prevent Blindness
9 Massachusetts must submit a report to the registrar that identifies how such funds were used during the
10 preceding year.